

# South Carolina's

## Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)



– CWCS Coordinator

# What is the CWCS?

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- Comprehensive step-by-step guide for conservation actions
- Preserve species / habitats statewide



# Inside the CWCS

- ◉ Addresses species with 'greatest conservation need' (SGCN)
- ◉ Important habitats
- ◉ Focuses on problems / strategies for SGCN's



# Why CWCS was developed

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- ◉ Legislative mandate / USFWS
- ◉ State Wildlife Grants Program (SWG)
- ◉ Charged states with plan development by October 2005
- ◉ Plan must address SGCN's & wildlife related issues

# Eight Required Elements

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- ◉ Info on distribution / abundance of SGCN's
- ◉ Location / condition of key habitats
- ◉ Descriptions of problems
- ◉ Necessary conservation actions
- ◉ Plans for monitoring SGCN's
- ◉ Revision process
- ◉ Plans for implementation
- ◉ Public / partner input

# How was it developed

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- ◉ CWCS Steering committee
- ◉ Taxa Teams
- ◉ Various committees
- ◉ Public / partner input process
- ◉ Completed in 2005



# Revision

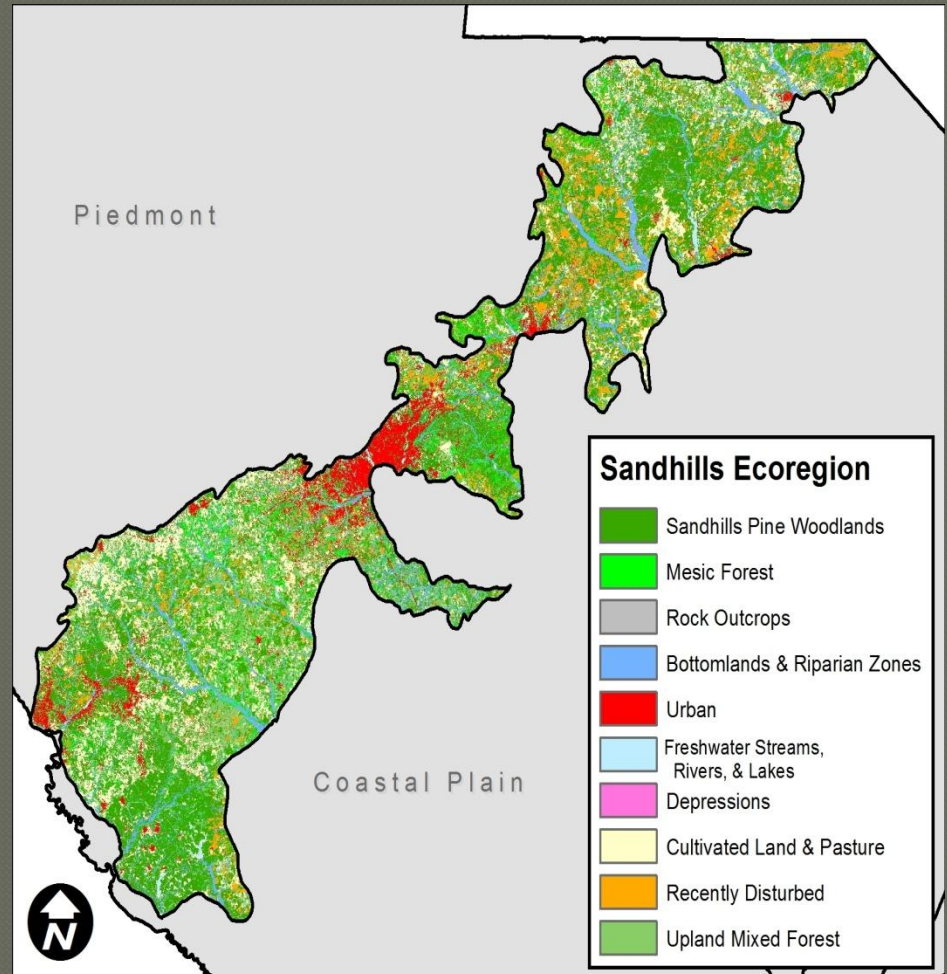
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- ◉ Mandate by USFWS to update every 10 years
- ◉ Started in April 2011
- ◉ Due by October 2015



# Work in Progress

- Habitat chapter
- Review of SGCN's
- Climate issues





# Climate Issues

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- ◉ Participation in this workshop
- ◉ Inclusion of Climate - Not required but recommended
- ◉ Potential options for incorporation
- ◉ Looking for public / partner input

# How can you help?

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- ◉ Be involved in revision process
- ◉ Participate in workshops / comment sessions
- ◉ Input on climate issues & plan
- ◉ Use the plan!